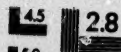


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Lynden Lodge No 259,



I. O. O. F.

Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand
Lodge of Ontario.

Instituted at Lynden, July 20th, 1887.

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*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for
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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LYNDEN LODGE,
No. 259, I. O. O. F.

GENTLEMEN,—

Having conceived a favorable opinion of ODD-FELLOW-
SHIP, and read a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws, I
ask to be initiated into the Order and become a member of
your Lodge.

Residence..... Age

Occupation and if admitted I
promise obedience to the laws and usages of the Order and
of the Lodge.

Very respectfully yours,

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CERTIFICATE.

LYNDEN LODGE, No. 259, I. O. O. F.

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This is to certify that Brother.....

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CONSTITUTION.

PREAMBLE.

FOR the purpose of ensuring as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS within its jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO—the Supreme Tribunal of all Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following articles, as the CONSTITUTION of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction

TITLE AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled Lynden Lodge, No. 259, I O. O. F., of Lynden, Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed, and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 2.—Candidates for Membership, by Initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males, of not less than 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

CLAUSE 3.—Every proposition for Membership, must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the applicant, and his residence, age, and occupation—supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 4.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a committee of three brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of members present or the petition be withdrawn by the proposer.

CLAUSE 5.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

CLAUSE 6.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd-Fellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member; and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations, provided that in the case of the application of a Brother, who within six months previous to such application was a member of a Lodge which was merged into or united with this Lodge, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote by ballot.

CLAUSE 7.—Every member on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a member.

CLAUSE 8.—Any candidate requiring admission, more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

CLAUSE 9.—The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the city, town or village, in which such rejection takes place.

CLAUSE 10.—No candidate who has been rejected can be

again proposed after his rejection.

CLAUSE 11.—No member shall be expelled from the Lodge, and any time.

CLAUSE 12.—No initiation shall be granted to an applicant without the consent of the Lodge (resides); unless otherwise provided.

CLAUSE 13.—No Brother of the degree shall be initiated if he is not a member of the charges for the same.

CLAUSE 14.—No Brother shall appear, unless he has been considered eligible for the Degrees, and in open Lodge had.

CLAUSE 15.—No Brother shall be initiated until after the next regular meeting thereof.

CLAUSE 16.—No Brother shall be initiated for vision for the degree of Master without the payment of dollars, such as may be entitled to initiation full degree.

again proposed for membership, until at least six months after his rejection.

CLAUSE 11.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge of this Order at the same time.

CLAUSE 12.—No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or acted upon, if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides); nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge, unless consent of the latter be obtained.

DEGREES.

CLAUSE 13.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degree, and then shall be balloted for.

CLAUSE 14.—If on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected; otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection, two weeks' notice in open Lodge must be given before a ballot can again be had.

CLAUSE 15.—No certificates for degrees shall be granted until after the candidate shall have paid the fees required therefor.

CLAUSE 16.—The Lodge may by its By-Laws make provision for a class of non-beneficial degree members, on whom the degrees may be conferred for any less sum than two dollars, such members agreeing that they will not claim nor be entitled to any other pecuniary benefits than those payable to initiatory degree members until they shall have paid the full degree fee of the Lodge; and provided further, that the

Lodge shall not be compelled to receive such full degree fee from any such member when his removal from the non-beneficial to the beneficial class will involve the Lodge in any increased expenditure for benefits.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

CLAUSE 17.--Any brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

RE-ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 18.—Should any Brother, receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge, apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted a member and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee or such proportion thereof as they may think fit.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 19.—The elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent

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Secretary, and Treasurer ; and the Lodge may also provide by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

CLAUSE 20.—Any brother to be nominated for the office of D. M. must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees ; for the office of N. G., a V. G. or P. V. G. ; and for any other of the Elective Offices, except Physician, he must have served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office, and have attained to the Degree of Truth.

CLAUSE 21.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 22.—Nomination for the Elective Officers shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, and no Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named, and no nominee shall be allowed to retire after the nominations have been declared closed.

CLAUSE 23.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months as the Lodge by its By-laws determine.

CLAUSE 24.—If, for any elective office, or for the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge, only one brother shall be in nomination, such brother shall be declared elected by acclamation ; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to a vote.

CLAUSE 25.—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election ; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have

received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 26.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., R. S. S., L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 27.—These officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his installation; except the R. S. V. G. and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V. G.

CLAUSE 28.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing and must have attained to the Degree of Truth.

CLAUSE 29.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G., a Brother of the Degree of Truth, belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

CLAUSE 30.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse, from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

CLAUSE 31.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be; in the case of Elective Officers, the election may take place on the second night of nomination; and Brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 32.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers as are pre-

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CLAUSe 33.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause.

SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SESSIONS.

CLAUSe 34.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be decided by its By-laws ; provided always, that as decided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

CLAUSe 35.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain hte particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

CLAUSe 36.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSe 37.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the Password for the Term, present a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, or by any Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

CLAUSe 38.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into a Committee of the Whole.

TERMS.

CLAUSE 39.—The terms of this Lodge shall be semi-annual or annual, as provided by its By-laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively, if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in January if annual. Should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and if annually, then at the first regular meeting in January.

CLAUSE 40.—Every term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

RETURNS.

CLAUSE 41.—It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario, immediately on the expiry of their term of Office, a regular return of the work of such term, with the result of the election of officers, etc., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return as the Grand Lodge may, from time to time, direct to be used.

CLAUSE 42.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being 25 cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

CLAUSE 43.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual return previous to the Returns required by Clause 41 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 44.—Should this Lodge or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect (or to such other

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FUNDS.

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CLAUSE 45.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide by its By-Laws for the institution of a special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund, the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

CLAUSE 46.—The Initiation Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate and shall not be less than five dollars.

CLAUSE 47.—The charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than two dollars for each of the three Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 48.—The contribution of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws; such portion thereof shall be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund as the Lodge may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth, nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

CLAUSE 49.—The Lodge shall have the power of exacting such fees for visiting and withdrawal cards, and dismissal certificates, except when otherwise provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge (to be applied to the General Fund); and such

finer for neglect of duty, etc. (to be applied to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund)—as may be determined by the By-Laws.

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 50.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability, not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws; provided always, that the Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week, but after one week's sickness, the brother shall be entitled to benefits for each additional day or days, that he may be ill, unless the By-Laws of the Lodge specially provide otherwise.

CLAUSE 51.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his widow, children or other relatives, who may at the time of his death have been dependent on him for support, from the General Fund as a Funeral Benefit, such sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge; and the Lodge may also provide by its By-Laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

CLAUSE 52.—The Lodge may by its By-Laws make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress.

CLAUSE 53.—The Lodge shall make such dispositions of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit.

PENALTIES.

CLAUSE 54.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-meeting th

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TRIALS.

CLAUSE 55.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial in accordance with the provisions of the Clauses following.

CLAUSE 56.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 57.—Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, three of whom shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 58.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom it shall be final, without further action by the Lodge.

CLAUSE 59.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number in their name.

CLAUSE 60.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the brother under charge shall be summoned to

attend ; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

CLAUSE 61.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

[For the convenience of Lodges the rules of procedure on trials are placed here, though not part of the constitution.]

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st.—All charges against members of this Order, shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstance of the offence or offences.

2nd.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a Committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the Convener thereof.

3rd.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the Lodge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th.—The Secretary shall affix the seal of the lodge to one copy of the charge, and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Secretary shall also certify under seal the duplicate charge and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C," of these rules.

5th.—The accused shall within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

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6th. —The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the plea in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence, call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser or the accused shall be served with personal notice if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time affixed for trial.

7th. —At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings by leave of the Committee.

8th. —The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show:

I. The date and place of each meeting and the parties present.

II. The exception taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th. —The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

10th. —The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th. —The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th. —Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

FORM A.—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To Lodge No I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, a member in good standing of
 Lodge No does hereby charge Bro. A. B., of
 Lodge No with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow;
 the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the
 following specifications, to wit:

1st. For that he the said A. B., did on the day of 188 , at the (*Specify the offence and circumstances and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be under a separate place in the charge.*)

Contrary to the laws and usages of the order.

Date (Signed) B.B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

Date 188

Bro. I hereby enclose a copy of charge
 and specifications preferred against you by
 of The same was referred to a Committee consisting of (*give names*) You are required to file
 your answer to the charge and specifications, according to the
 form prescribed, within one week from the service of this
 notice, with the first named member of the Committee, who
 will notify you of the time and place of trial. Fraternally,
 Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENOR OF COMMITTEE.

Date 188

To Bro

I enclose you a charge preferred by against
 which charge was referred to .. (*give names*)
 for trial, of which Committee you are Convenor. The accused
 was served with a copy of the charge on the day of
 and notified to file his answer thereto with you
 within one week, when you will cause the Committee to meet
 and proceed with the trial. Fraternally,

..... Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date). 188...

To..... A. B. or C. D. (*as the case may be, one to each party.*)

The Committee on Trial of the charge and specifications made by against will meet at on the..... day of..... at o'clock p. m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend as the case may be.*)

I am yours fraternally,

..... Convenor of Committee.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications, preferred by B. B., on the day of..... say :

1st—That the offense in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

2nd—That I am not guilty.

3rd—Guilty.

4th—I admit the fact stated ; but will justify the alleged offence.

5th—The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date).....188...

To..... Lodge No..... I. O. O. F.

The undersigned (*a majority of the*) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against..... respectfully report as follows : (*State the finding on each specification.*) The minutes of the Committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by the Committee.)

FORM G.—DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd-Fellow that the evidence you shall give in the matter of..... against..... now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare.

EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be :

a. Parol evidence (i. e., testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.)

b. Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

c. Regularly certified minutes of the Lodge.

d. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the committee upon its minutes.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd-Fellows, according to the "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

In case either the party making a charge or party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken as follows :

The party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating the matter within his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by Chapter 37 of the Statutes of Canada, 37 Victoria (1874), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations ; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the committee appointed to try the case ; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken, shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours notice in writing of the time and place where and when such declaration will be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party making such declaration, and the replies to such questions shall be embodied in the declaration ; and in case such notice as is herein required shall not be given, such declaration shall not be received by the committee in evidence. Should the party so notified not attend at the time and place appointed, the declaration shall be taken in his absence, and shall be received by the committee as if the said party had been present.

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by the interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form pre-

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scribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

4.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

5.—Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he shall refuse, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary, to compel the production of such evidence.

APPEALS.

CLAUSE 62.—Any member shall have the right to appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 58: and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

CLAUSE 63.—On the evening appointed the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled or modified, as a majority of members present shall determine.

CLAUSE 64.—Any Member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against; and the Lodge shall be required to provide the appellant with a copy of all the proceedings in the case, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same; which charges shall be refunded to the appellant in the event of his appeal being sustained.

CLAUSE 64a.—In case of charge and trial where the penalty is fixed as suspension or expulsion, the accused may immediately, on or before the time of making his appeal to the Grand Lodge, file an application for an arrest of judgement

with the Secretary of his Lodge, and send a copy thereof to the Grand Master (which application the Grand Master may refuse), and at the same time the accused shall pay all dues and demands against him to that date; and thereupon his *status* in the Lodge shall not be affected by reason of such trial and conviction, while such appeal is pending, unless, after filing such application, he shall fail to perfect his appeal in the time provided, or the Grand Master shall refuse the application. Then, in such case, the judgement of the Lodge shall be enforced in the same manner as in cases where the arrest of judgment has been applied for. Such member shall not be entitled to a visiting or withdrawal card or dismissal certificate during such arrest of judgement.

REINSTATEMENT.

CLAUSE 65.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the Members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be reinstated.

CLAUSE 66.—No Brother shall be reinstated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then, except in cases of suspension for non payment of dues.

CLAUSE 67.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues except members of defunct Lodges, and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for

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new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation; and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident, he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.

CLAUSE 68.—Any Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, may at any time prior to six months thereafter, become reinstated in his Lodge upon payment of the amount due by him at the date of his suspension, together with such sum as may have accrued since that time. Any brother so suspended for six months shall cease to be a member.

SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT.

The following is the law regarding Suspension and Reinstatement, and is inserted here for the benefit of all concerned, though not a part of the Constitution:

RESOLVED, That a member of the Order who becomes in arrears for dues for the period of one year may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

RESOLVED, That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the Lodge or Encampment from which he has been suspended or dropped, within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one years' dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the local law.

RESOLVED, That, after one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-laws may prescribe.

RESOLVED, That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and for a Withdrawal Card for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge of Encampment in the same Jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a final Card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a Card.

RESOLVED, That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same Jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant,

upon proper application, a Dismissal Certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

RESOLVED, That a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may at the discretion of the Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a Dismissal Certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in the same Jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

RESOLVED, That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another Jurisdiction than that in which he was suspended or dropped, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment to which he belonged shall grant, upon proper application, a Dismissal Certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

RESOLVED, That in all cases wherein a Lodge or Encampment has refused to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a Dismissal Certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

RESOLVED, That where the books of an extinct Lodge or Encampment have been lost or destroyed, the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe, as the case may be, upon being satisfied of the good standing of any member of such extinct Lodge or Encampment, may issue to him a Card of Withdrawal. Where the books of a defunct Lodge or Encampment are in the possession of a Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary, he may issue Cards to former members of the defunct Subordinate; such Cards shall have the same privilege as a Card issued by an existing Subordinate.

RESOLVED, That Dismissal Certificates may be received upon deposit in any Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, but the privilege of visiting a Lodge or Encampment shall not be awarded to the holder of a Dismissal Certificate. The Certificate shall be provided by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and be sold as other supplies are sold, at the same rate as Cards.

When State Grand Officers grant cards to former members of defunct Lodges, the brother receiving the card is not entitled to the A. T. P. W. The card cannot be used for visiting Lodges, but is good for deposit only by the holder as an Ancient Oddfellow.

RESOLVED.—That all laws, by-laws, or provisions thereof, that are inconsistent with the above general laws, conditions and regulations, are hereby abrogated or repealed.—Report of Legislative Committee, Sovereign Grand Lodge, 1880.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

CLAUSE 69.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the Degree intended to be represented, namely: First Degree (*Degree of Friendship*), pink; Second Degree (*Degree of Brotherly Love*), blue; Third Degree (*Degree of Truth*), scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn upon the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice-Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.—(See foot note.)

The Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1881 adopted the following as the law governing the Regalia of subordinates:

The Regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the Degree intended to be represented, namely: *First Degree*, pink; *Second Degree*, blue; *Third Degree*, scarlet. Rosettes of the appropriate color may be worn upon the collar. Plain white apron for the Initiatory Degree.

JEWELS.

CLAUSE 70.—The jewel of a Past Grand is a five-pointed star ; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels ; of Vice-Grand, hour glass ; of Secretary, crossed pens ; of Treasurer, crossed keys ; of Warden, crossed axes ; of Conductor, crossed wands ; of Guardian, crossed swords ; Supporters of the Noble Grand, a wand having branching arms connected with three links, and encompassing a gavel ; Supporters of the Vice-Grand, a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the Noble Grand, encompassing an hour glass ; Scene Supporters arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch ; Chaplain, arranged in same manner, encompassing a Bible, all to be of white metal. Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, may have trimmings of yellow.

CLAUSE 71.—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. But the Lodge may wear the ordinary regalia at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia, by obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master or D. D. G. M.

CLAUSE 72.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape

The Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer shall each wear a scarlet collar trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of the Noble Grand and Vice Grand shall wear sashes of scarlet color. Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, red sash.

The position of each officer shall be indicated by the jewel of the officer.

Resolved, That the above shall apply to all Lodges that may be hereafter instituted, and to all Lodges that shall hereafter procure new regalia.

passed through one button-hole in the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained. To be worn for one month.

CLAUSE 73.—Past Officers and members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, and when attending the meetings of the Lodges of which they are members, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees they have taken.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE 74.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, repeal, alter or amend from time to time, such By Laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient; provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 75.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G. and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise as the case may be; and no such By-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or, in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 76.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the Representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.--As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair, the officers and brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

RULE II.--The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows :

- 1.--Calling of the roll of Officers.
- 2.--The reading, by the Secretary, of the Minutes of the last Lodge night ; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 3.--The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous meetings.
- 4.--The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other brothers who may have to report the fact of any brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.--The nomination or election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such nomination or election.
- 6.--The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7.--The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.
- 8.--The receiving of propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.
- 9.--The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.
- 10.--The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
- 11.--The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare ; being, *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and *second*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded ; nor be open for consideration until so put ; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion

- 1.—To adjourn ;
- 2.—To lay on the table ;
- 3.—To put the previous question ;
- 4.—To postpone ;
- 5.—To refer ; or
- 6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated ; and the first, second, and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

RULE V.—The Previous Question shall be put from the Chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and then shall always be put in the words following : “ *Shall the question be now put ?* ” which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending, immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE VI.—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the Previous Question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon ; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative,

the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

RULE VII.—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

RULE VIII.—When a blank is to be filled, the question should first be taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

RULE IX.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

RULE X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement, or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority majority at the same or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

RULE XI.—Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by reconsideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceeding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

RULE XII.—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIII.—Any brother, intending to speak on a question, shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

RULE XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a brother to order while speaking, and in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the brother so

called to order, shall not proceed until the point of order, thus raised, be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the chair.

RULE XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "N. G., *I would respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the Lodge,*" and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*"

RULE XVI.—Any brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

RULE XVII.—The Presiding Officer, or the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

RULE XVIII.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

RULE XIX.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE XX.—A motion to suspend or alter the Order or Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order or Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

RULE XXI.—These Rules or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled except in the case provided for by Rule XX), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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BY-LAWS

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Lynden Lodge No. 259, I. O. O. F.

MEETINGS.

Clause 1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Wednesday once in two weeks, from the first of April till the first of October at 8 o'clock, and from the first of October till the first of April at 7.30 o'clock, and special meetings may be called by the N. G. at the request of five Brothers.

Clause 2.—Five members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

REGALIA.

Clause 3.—All officers shall wear the regalia of their respective offices, while present in Lodge.

Clause 4.—The proposer of a candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the P. S., at the time of his making such proposition, the sum of \$2.00, which shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, provided he shall appear for initiation within thirteen weeks, otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, except in cases of rejection, when such deposit shall be refunded to the candidate. In all cases the Physician's Certificate of examination must be in possession of the Lodge previous to reading the report of Committee on character.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES. PAST GRAND.

Clause 5.—It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G. of the Lodge to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, and to act in the capacity of the sitting P. G. for the term; to deliver the charge of that office at initiations or see that the same be done by a P. G. or N. G.; to register in a book, kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child receiving benefit from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest, to visit them if residing in the village of Lynden, or within three miles thereof, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge whenever occasion may require; to perform all other duties pertaining to the office, ~~and to act as Outside Conductor.~~

NOBLE GRAND.

CLAUSE 6.—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and a proper respect for the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that the officers of the Lodge and members of the several committees perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the respective charges and laws; to take care that all fines not requiring the vote of the Lodge for their imposition be punctually charged on the books of the P. S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities subjecting brothers to fine or other penalty at the vote of the Lodge, and to bring the same officially, whenever known to him, under the consideration of the Lodge, without bid or favor; to take charge of the Charter and to have it always in the Lodge when in session; to summon special meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by five members in good standing; to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for; to name persons to fill all vacancies occurring in

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committees originally appointed by him ; to ascertain and announce to the lodge the result of all balloting for membership and votes and the election of officers ; to give the casting vote in cases of a tie on all questions except those decided by ballot, and have the privilege as other members of casting his ballot at all votes when the vote is by ballot ; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to every brother on his admission ; to examine the Treasurer's pass-book, and see that the money received the previous lodge night be regularly entered therein ; to ascertain from the P. S. before closing the lodge, the amount of his receipts since last lodge night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same ; to cause the Secretary to invite brothers to attend the funeral of every deceased brother ; to take charge of such funerals in the absence of competent relations and to receive account of and regulate the disbursements ; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the lodge, or necessary for the payment of any benefits provided for by these laws ; to act as chairman of the Visiting Committee, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office, by the Constitution or By Laws of this Lodge, or by the charges or usages of this Order.

The N. G. shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair.

VICE GRAND.

CLAUSE 7.—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G. while presiding in the lodge, and in his absence to take the chair, to appoint his own supporters, and aminority of all Committees on character ; to assist in the examination of the ballot-box at the election for membership, and announce the condition of the vote ; to act as a member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N. G. may be absent, as its chairman ; to take special charge of the door under the

N. G. and to perform such other duties as are required by the charges and usages of the order.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

CLAUSE 8 —It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the lodge ; to take charge of and safely keep the seal ; to keep carefully and in good order all books, papers and other property belonging to his office, and deliver up the same in like good order to his successor ; to fill up all certificates granted by the lodge ; to write, duly despatch and copy into the letter book all communications ordered by the lodge, and to read said copies at the next meeting under the head of unfinished business ; and punctually to issue all notices required by order of the N. G. or the lodge ; to inform all rejected candidates of the fact of their rejection, in cases where the brothers proposing such candidates decline to do so, without disclosing any other circumstances or proceeding connected therewith ; to examine the black book in reference to all nominations for membership, and to acquaint the committees on character in each case with the result of such examinations ; to attest warrants for all moneys ordered to be paid at regular meetings, and none other ; to advise punctually the P. S. of all votes of the lodge imposing an assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine and also all fines otherwise incurred by any brother ; to make out, at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term, and shall act as Secretary at all degree meetings of the Lodge, and shall enter upon the minutes of the Subordinate Lodge a statement containing the name of every brother who received degrees at the last degree meeting, and also what degrees he received ; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meeting of his term and perform all such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Lodge or his charge.

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PERMANENT SECRETARY.

CLAUSE 9.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members ; to charge and collect all dues, charges, assessments and fines, and to report from time to time the names of all brothers who may neglect to pay the same when duly notified ; to notify in particular, by means of a written or printed circular, previous to the last meeting night of the second month of each quarter, every brother of the amount due by him at the close of the current quarter ; to advise the N. G. from time to time of the names of the brothers being in arrears either twelve or eighteen calendar months ; to receive all other money due to the Lodge, and to pay over forthwith all money collected or otherwise received by him for the Lodge to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same ; to furnish at the first regular meeting in each quarterly term a statement of all money received and paid by him to the Treasurer ; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meeting in each quarter, and to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers, and other properties appertaining to his office.

TREASURER.

CLAUSE 10.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all money of the Lodge, and carefully to take charge of and deal with the same in such a manner as may be required by the By-Laws or by any vote of the Lodge duly passed, and in conformity therewith ; to pay all warrants signed by the N. G. if drawn on account of benefits due under these laws, and also all warrants signed by the N. G. and attested by the Secretary, but none others ; to keep correct accounts of all money coming into his hands ; to lay before the Lodge a monthly statement of its funds, and at the first meeting of the term a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the previous term, with vouchers ; to have

his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver up when legally called upon, all money, bonds, papers, and other property of the Lodge which may be in his hands to his successor, or to any brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive them.

Prior to his installation the Treasurer shall give, with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, a joint and several bond to the N. G. and V. G. for the term during which he is to serve, under such penalties and on such conditions as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge.

TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

CLAUSE II.—There shall be three Trustees of this Lodge who shall be elected in the manner following, viz.: Three Trustees shall be elected by ballot as in case of elected officers in this Lodge; and at every semi annual election of officers thereafter there shall be one trustee so elected, and the one shall retire from the office who has then completed his third term.

The duties of Trustees shall be to take charge of the funds of the Lodge except such funds as the Lodge may deem necessary to remain in the hands of the Treasurer for current expenses, and invest the same, subject at all times to the approval of the lodge, and deposit the vouchers of all such investments in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping forthwith. All investments and all deposits in any bank of the funds of the Lodge must be made in the name of Lynden Lodge No. 259, I. O. O. F., and no investment can be recalled or money withdrawn from deposit in bank unless, first a motion to that effect has been carried at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and two-thirds of the members voting are in favor of it and second, such order or cheque must be signed by a majority of the Trustees and bear the seal of the Lodge. By the seal being affixed to such cheque it will be sufficient

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WARDEN.

CLAUSE 12.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to see that the Janitor places out the regalia for the use of the brothers, before the opening of the Lodge, and at its close to see that the same be collected and carefully put away ; to act as chairman of the Property Committee, and to perform such other duties as are prescribed in the charges of his office.

JANITOR.

CLAUSE 13.—The Lodge shall elect by ballot, semi-annually, a Janitor, whose duty it shall be to see that the Lodge room is comfortable and clean for every meeting of this Lodge, or any other society who may from time to time rent this room ; to place out the regalia for the use of the brothers before the opening of the Lodge and at its close collect the same in a careful manner, under the supervision of the Warden, for which services he shall receive such salary as the Lodge may agree upon at his election.

CHAPLAIN.

CLAUSE 14.—The Chaplain, when present, shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge, according to the requirements of his office.

PHYSICIAN.

CLAUSE 15.—The Lodge shall elect annually a Physician, who shall attend every sick brother in this Lodge in good standing, when called upon by such brother, or the Visiting Committee, and for such services he shall be paid by the Lodge quarterly, at the rate of one dollar (\$1) per annum for every brother in good standing, and by the sick brother for any expensive medicines, and fifty cents per mile for every mile over three miles he shall reside from the village of Lynden.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

CLAUSE 16.—The N. G. upon the night of his installation, shall appoint, (subject to the approval of the Lodge), the following Standing Committees to serve for the current term, viz.:—A Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee and a Property Committee.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 17.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the N. G. and V. G. shall be two *ex-officio*. It shall be the duty of this Committee to visit every sick brother of this Lodge within twenty four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he is in the village of Lynden, or within one mile thereof; and to render such other aid as the law provides, and as his case may require and admit.

CLAUSE 18.—It shall be the duty of the chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements as that sick brothers of the lodge, if within one mile of the village of Lynden, shall be visited at least once a day during their illness, by one or more members of the Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all the brothers of the Lodge for the use of the community; and whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the

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brothers, in order as they stand upon the roll, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and service of two brothers to watch nightly with any sick brother, or procure a nurse, and should any brother fail to attend, when called upon by Sick Committee, or procure a substitute, he shall be fined the sum of \$1 unless excused by the lodge.

CLAUSE 19.—In case of contagious or infectious disease, it shall not be incumbent on members of the committee personally to visit the sick brother; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon brothers as above provided, the committee shall employ a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 20.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the lodge; to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them, at the regular meeting next following the reference to such accounts, provided always that accounts are presented in detail; and to audit quarterly the accounts of the P. S. and Treasurer for the previous quarter, and of all officers or committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of money of the Lodge.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 21.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members, including the Warden, who shall be chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all regalia, and other effects of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular officers, or to other committees, to procure such articles as may be necessary, and as the Lodge may direct; and to cause to be made a full report of their proceedings at the last meeting in each quarterly term.

COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER.

CLAUSE 22.—It shall be the duty of all Committees on

Character to ascertain carefully, by personal interview, the age, color, state of health, profession, habits and character of the candidates referred to them ; and to make special report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, unless otherwise instructed.

CLAUSE 23.—Any officer charged with official misconduct may be suspended or dismissed from office, and any Committee or member or members of Committee, failing to discharge their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom by a vote to that effect, provided always that it be done in conformity with Clause 55, Constitution. Every committee, member or members thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the N. G., or to such brother or brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, money and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his or their hands.

CLAUSE 24.—Every person admitted a member of this Lodge by initiation or as an Ancient Oddfellow, shall, previous to his initiation, pay into the funds an admission fee as follows : From the age of 21 to 30, shall pay the sum of six dollars (\$6) ; from 30 to 40, seven dollars, \$7 ; from 40 to 50, one dollar (\$1) for each additional year ; over 50, two dollars (\$2) for each additional year, and no candidate shall be initiated until after one week of his election, except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CLAUSE 25.—All candidates, Ancient Oddfellows, and brothers with cards, seeking admission into this Lodge, must pass a medical examination before the Lodge Physician, for which there shall be no charge by the Physician, and previous to the report of the Committee on character thereon being read to the lodge, a medical certificate from the Lodge Physician must be in possession of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 26.—Every member admitted to membership by card shall pay as follows :—From 21 to 30, three dollars : from 31 to 40, four dollars ; from 41 to 50, twenty-five cents

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for each additional year ; over fifty, 50 cents for each additional year, which sum shall cover his dues for the current quarter.

CLAUSE 27.—The regular contributions to be paid by every member of this Lodge into its funds shall be \$1.50 per quarter or 6 dollars a year, and on no account shall any brother be excused from such payment, which shall become due and payable on the first regular meetings of January, April, July and October of each and every year ; but no brother shall be considered as thirteen weeks in arrears if his dues (and fines charged him) are fully paid on or before the last regular meeting of the current quarter.

CLAUSE 28.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

CLAUSE 29.—Whenever any brother shall take out a Visiting Card, he shall be required to make payments in advance of all dues chargeable to the close of the period to which such card may have been granted.

CHARGES FOR DEGREES.

CLAUSE 30.—The charges for Degrees in this Lodge shall be three dollars (\$3) each for 1st and 2nd degrees and four dollars (\$4) for 3rd degree. And the Lodge may confer the degrees for the sum of two dollars (\$2) for the three degrees ~~but no brother shall be entitled to such benefits until the full amounts for the degrees have been paid and thirty days have expired after such payments have been made, and in no case shall benefits be paid until three months have expired after a brother's initiation.~~

OTHER CHARGES.

CLAUSE 31.—For every Visiting Card there shall be charged 30 cents ; for a Card of Clearance, 50 cents ; and for a Dismissal Certificate, one dollar (\$1). Such charge

must, in all cases, be deposited together with any amount of other dues payable previous to the issue of such card) in the hands of the P. S., before notice of any motion can be made in the Lodge for the granting of such card, but shall be returned by the P. S. should such motion not prevail.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AND GENERAL FUND.

CLAUSE 32.—There shall be carried to the credit account of Widows' and Orphans' Fund—

Firstly, all money which, at the time of passing of these laws, may be at the credit of such fund.

Secondly—One-third of all quarterly dues, all fines and donations.

CLAUSE 33.—All other money accruing to the Lodge shall be carried to the account of the General Fund.

ASSESSMENTS

CLAUSE 34.—Whenever any benefit or benefits become due and payable for either of the funds of this Lodge in the course of any one quarter, if the books do not show a sufficient amount to the credit of such fund to meet such benefit, then the P.S. shall forthwith raise in aid of such fund by assessment, to be laid in equal proportions upon all the members, the amount necessary to meet such benefit or benefits.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

CLAUSE 35.—Investments of all money of the Lodge, which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements, shall be made by the Trustees in the name of this Lodge (as per Clause 11 of these By-Laws) from time to time and in such manner and with such security as the Lodge may require. All evidences or certificates thereof shall be delivered to the Treasurer for safekeeping, and all

dividends, interest, or other income accruing therefrom shall be duly demanded and received by them, and the amount thereof be paid over forthwith to the P. S. for delivery to the Treasurer; provided always that no part of the funds of the Lodge shall be loaned to any member of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 36.—All moneys of the Lodge not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the By-Laws and Orders of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 37.—No motion in anyway relating to the investment of the Funds of the Lodge, as provided by the Laws, shall be deemed carried unless two-thirds of the members present at any regular or special meeting shall vote in favor of such motion.

CLAUSE 38.—No motion relating to the appropriation of the Funds of this Lodge over the amount of five dollars (\$5) other than for the relief of members as laid down in these By-Laws, or for the ordinary expenses of the Lodge, shall be put to vote unless two weeks' notice has been given of such motion and when the amount is over fifty dollars (\$50) written or printed notices shall be sent to every member, whose address is on our list of members, nor shall any motion under this clause be deemed carried unless upon the final division—two-thirds of the members present and voting shall vote in its favor.

SICK BENEFITS.

CLAUSE 39.—Every brother who has been a member of this Lodge for a space of three months shall be deemed a bona fide member, and, when in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual or any attainable occupation by sickness or other disability, not proceeding from immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a weekly benefit from the funds of the Lodge during such sickness or disability, provided always that no brother shall be entitled to any sick benefits unless he shall have produced a certificate from his at-

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tending physician (or given satisfactory evidence to the Sick Committee) that he was unable to follow his usual or any occupation from such sickness or disability for seven days in succession, and no benefits shall be paid except by a vote of the Lodge at a regular Lodge meeting, nor for a longer time than one week.

CLAUSE 40.—When any brother has been in receipt of sick benefits for 52 weeks (as per Clause 39), he shall receive only three-quarters of the above benefits for the succeeding 52 weeks, after which he shall only be entitled to half the benefits (as per Clause 39) ; providing that when circumstances seem to require it the Lodge may continue to pay full or three-quarter benefits by a motion to that effect, read in the Lodge three times and carried by a majority or two-thirds of the brothers voting.

CLAUSE 41.—If such brother be a non resident, or if his sickness or disability, as aforesaid, occur at a distance from Lynden, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability, at the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N.G. of this Lodge, certified by the N. G. of the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge, or if he be not near to any lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or clergyman, or a practical M. D., recognized by the law to be a regularly registered or licensed practitioner, and such brother shall thereupon receive the benefit provided by the preceding clause.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

CLAUSE 42.—On the decease of any bona fide member, who at the time of his decease was in good standing in this Lodge the sum of \$40 shall be allowed as a Funeral Benefit to be disposed of as provided by the Constitution.

CLAUSE 43.—On the decease of the wife of any brother,

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qualified as aforesaid, he shall receive from the funds of the Lodge the sum of \$25, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

CLAUSE 44.—The widow of any deceased bona fide member of this Lodge (who at the time of his death was in good standing and entitled to benefits) shall receive from the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, payable quarterly, as follows : If her deceased husband had attained the Degree of Truth, the sum of \$40 per annum ; if he had only attained the Degree of Brotherly Love the sum of \$30 per annum ; or if he had not attained the Degree of Brotherly Love, the sum of \$20 per annum ; such payments to be made for a period of ten years, or if the circumstances of the widow require a continuance of said annual benefits, the same may be granted to her after a motion to that effect has been read three times in open Lodge, and carried by two-thirds of members voting ; or the lodge may pay her a stipulated fixed sum, in one payment, in full of her claim on the Lodge, as may be agreed upon by all consenting parties thereto.

CLAUSE 45.—Should any deceased bona fide member leave a widow, and she while in her widowhood die, the said yearly sum shall be paid in like manner, for the benefit of his orphan child or children, if any there be, under the age of fifteen years ; the interest of each such child in such benefit ceasing as he or she shall attain the age of fifteen years, unless in the case of any female child or children it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge.

CLAUSE 46.—Should any deceased bona fide member leave a widow, and should she while in her widowhood die, the sum of \$25 shall be granted to defray her funeral expenses.

CLAUSE 47.—Should circumstances require, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of the deceased brother the

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benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his orphan child or children under the age of fifteen years.

CLAUSE 48.—Should the widow of a brother marry while any child or children of his are under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge whether or not to continue such benefits, or any part thereof, either to such child or children.

CLAUSE 49.—Should the family of such deceased brother be in need of a protector or guardian, the Lodge shall, to the best of its power, protect and assist them, and endeavor to place them in such a position as to enable them to be useful to themselves and society.

CLAUSE 50.—On the death of any unmarried brother, not disqualified from benefits, and upon whom has devolved during his lifetime the charge of supporting a widowed mother, who at the time of his death was dependent upon him for support and whom the Lodge may consider in need of the continuation of such support, the same sum shall be paid her that would have been payable to the widow of such brother had he been married.

RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

CLAUSE 51.—Whenever it may become known that any brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress, his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge, whether any, and what sum, in their opinion, should be granted for his relief; and it shall be competent for the Lodge at that meeting by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the brothers present and voting, to grant him any sum not exceeding fifty dollars; and any member making use of improper means to obtain benefits from this Lodge, shall, after due trial, upon conviction thereof, be suspended or expelled as the Lodge may determine.

CLAUSE 52.—If a member of a distant lodge apply to this Lodge for relief between regular meetings, his case shall be referred to the N. G. and one or more members who have attained the Degree of Truth, who shall examine him, and if found correct and in possession of a visiting card or the term password, they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding \$4. and shall report the same to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, when if necessary such further sum on motion may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

DISABILITIES.

CLAUSE 53.—No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge if not in full regalia appertaining to his rank.

CLAUSE 54.—No brother who may be more than three calendar months in arrears of any Lodge Dues shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge until such arrears be paid in full.

CLAUSE 55.—No brother shall be entitled to any benefits during the first three calendar months after his admission to the Lodge, unless by special vote.

CLAUSE 56.—No brother, while under charges duly preferred against him, relating to benefits, shall be entitled to any benefits unless under special vote of the Lodge to that effect; but, if afterwards acquitted in due course, such brother shall be then, forthwith, entitled to any benefit or benefits which, but for such charges, would have become payable to him while the same were pending.

CLAUSE 57.—No brother being three calendar months in arrears for Lodge dues shall become entitled to any benefit until two months after such arrears shall be paid in full, unless under special vote of the Lodge to that effect, and no brother who is 13 weeks in arrears for dues or fines shall be eligible to fill any office, vote on any question before the Lodge, or receive the P. W. C. T. and if any brother 13 weeks in arrears be taken sick or disabled, he shall not become en-

titled to any benefits during such sickness or disability, nor his widow or heirs should such sickness or disability terminate in death.

CLAUSE 58.—No brother, who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, shall on any account become entitled to any benefits within the term of three calendar months after he shall have been reinstated.

FINES.

CLAUSE 59—Every brother offending against the rules of the Order, or of this lodge, in respect of any of the particulars hereinafter enumerated, shall be fined as follows :

For any improper, offensive personality or other language, such as is prohibited by the Rules of the Order, or disrespect to any of the officers of the lodge, while in lodge, or disobedience to the N. G. when called to order, not less than 25 cents.

For any failure to watch with a sick brother, when summoned by a sick committee to do so, \$1, or provide a nurse.

CLAUSE 60—For every failure of the P. S. to have his books posted for the Finance Committee, and members' accounts mailed to their address quarterly, as prescribed by these By-Laws, he shall pay a fine of \$2 within three months following such failure, and he shall in no case be excused from such fine except by a vote of the lodge in case of his sickness.

CLAUSE 61—All fines incurred shall be forthwith charged by the P. S. to the account of the brother incurring them ; and, unless remitted by vote of the Lodge, on account of any circumstances which may appear to the Lodge to warrant such remission, shall become due and payable, in all respects, as though they formed part of the regularly quarterly dues for the quarter during which they have been incurred.

CLAUSE 62—When any member of the Lodge shall neglect or refuse to pay his dues or fines, as fixed by the By-laws, for

the space of one year the P. S. shall report the same to the N. G., and, if the lodge direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended for N. P. D. he having first been notified of the action that will be taken, and any member who has been suspended for six months shall cease membership as per constitution (Clause 68.)

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.

CLUSE 63—Any brother guilty of language or conduct, in lodge, meriting, in the opinion of the lodge, a severer penalty than the fines already authorized, or who shall bring charges against a brother on evidence which the lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission; or who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, in any way, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transactions, or of other dishonorable conduct, or of habitual drunkenness, or immorality, or of infraction of the laws of the land, shall after due trial in accordance with clauses 58 and 60 of the constitution be suspended from membership or expelled, as the lodge may by vote determine.

CLAUSE 64—No brother shall be permitted to appear in lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall any sentence of suspension be considered to expire, or be reversed, unless by special vote of the lodge to that effect, and consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues; and no motion to that end shall be put to vote more than once, in cases of any individual, in any one quarterly term; nor unless at a regular meeting, and after formal notice thereof at the two regular meetings next preceding nor if the suspension has been pronounced for any fixed term; nor shall any vote take effect until after the brother shall have paid up all dues to the lodge, charged or chargeable against him, as well during his term of suspension as previous thereto.

CLAUSE 65.—If any member of this lodge shall disclose to any person, not a member of the order, any business which should not be made public, or the name of any applicant for membership, until the same shall be favorably determined by ballot, he shall, after due trial, be fined, suspended, or expelled, as the lodge may determine; and whenever any application for membership is made, this clause shall be read to the lodge, and in cases of rejection it shall be the duty of the secretary, should the brother who proposed the candidate decline, to inform such person of his rejection, without disclosing any other circumstance of proceedings of the lodge.

CLAUSE 66.—No smoking and no refreshments other than water shall be allowed in the Lodge room.

CLAUSE 67.—It is particularly enjoined on all brothers of the Lodge that they treat each other at all times with due delicacy and respect; and, in particular, that all their discussions in Lodge be conducted in a spirit of candor, moderation and generosity, and that all personalities and sarcastic language be carefully avoided.

CLAUSE 68.—This Lodge shall elect annually a Degree Master, whose duty it shall be to preside at Degree meetings.

CLAUSE 69.—No new business shall be brought before the Lodge after the hour of ten o'clock, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting.

REINSTATEMENTS.

CLAUSE 70.—Any member suspended (not dropped or ceased membership) for N. P. D. may at any time reinstate himself, without action of the Lodge, by paying all charges against him to such time, and in compliance with Clause 67, Constitution.

CLAUSE 71.—Any member suspended or dropped for N. P. D. may be reinstated within one year from date of such suspension, upon payment of one year's dues, (the dues charged him for one year) and if suspended for a longer period than one

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year upon payment of \$12 and presenting a certificate from the Lodge Physician if he reside within 10 miles of Lynden and if more than 10 miles from Lynden, a certificate from some licensed practising Physician must be presented. All applicants for reinstatement must go through the same form as for admission, except the ceremony of initiation, and all members reinstated will be charged the same dues as paid previous to suspension.

AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 72.—No motion to repeal, suspend, amend, or add to these by laws or any part thereof shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in the lodge at three consecutive regular meetings, and no new amendment to such motion shall be in order unless at least one week's notice of such amendment shall have been given, unless by consent of the mover of the original motion, and a majority vote of the members voting shall be necessary to amend any such original motion. The night on which the original motion is presented shall count as the first reading, immediately after the third reading (the same night) it shall be before the Lodge for action, nor shall the consideration of or voting upon such motion be postponed after such third reading, unless by a majority vote of the members voting; nor shall any motion amending these by-laws be declared to prevail unless two-thirds of the members voting shall vote in its favor. Discussion may be allowed upon the notice of motion and amendments, any time until final action.

APPENDIX.

RECENT LEGISLATION AND ENACTMENTS.

CLAUSE 73.—If a member takes a Visiting Card, and before the expiration of the Card, should the dues be increased by action of the Lodge, the holder of the Card must pay the increased dues from the time they take effect, although his Card has not expired; the same relates to a

member who may pay his dues in advance for some considerable time.—See Journal of Proceedings G. L. U. S. for the year 1876, pages 7020, 7077, also same body for 1877, pages 7373, 7472.

CLAUSE 74.—After a visiting brother with card has been examined and introduced no further examination is necessary during remainder of time on card, and the visitor may be present in the Lodge at its opening. See proceedings G. L. U. S. for year 1875, pages 6266, 6324.

CLAUSE 75.—If relief is granted to a Brother from a distant Lodge (other than for benefits as called for by his Card,) and without authority from his Lodge, whether he has a Card or not, the Lodge granting it cannot legally collect from his Lodge. See Proceedings G. L. U. S. for year 1876, pages 7059, 7083. See also By-Law 73.

CLAUSE 76.—Six working days are not one week (relating to benefits); must be seven clear days to constitute one week. See Proceedings G. L. U. S. for year 1876, pages 7057, 7083.

CLAUSE 77.—A By-Law is supreme authority over any resolution. See Proceedings G. L. U. S. for one year 1875, pages 6566, 6620.

CLAUSE 78.—If a member is in good standing, he cannot be kept out of the Lodge during the reading of the minutes. See Proceedings G. L. U. S. for year 1875, pages 6350, 6619, 6692.

CLAUSE 79.—Reprimand. The adoption of a report of Committee on Trial, (or after the report has been submitted, a resolution) fixing the punishment to reprimand, is the reprimand of the Lodge; the adoption of the report or resolution is the reprimand, without any further action or ceremony whatever. See Proceedings G. L. Ontario for year 1877, page 1870.

REINSTATMENT LAW.

The following was reported by the Legislative Committee and re affirmed by the S. G. L. at Toronto, 1880 :

*“Resolved,—*That a member of the Order who becomes in arrears for dues for the period of one year may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

*“Resolved,—*That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the Lodge or Encampment from which he has been suspended or dropped, within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the local law.

*“Resolved,—*That, after one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-Laws may prescribe.

*“Resolved,—*That a member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and for withdrawal card, for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted final card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a card.

*“Resolved,—*That a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge or Encampment in the same jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

*“Resolved,—*That a Lodge or Encampment, upon proper

application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at the discretion of the Lodge or Encampment, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in the same jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

“Resolved,—That a member suspended for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction than that in which he was suspended or dropped, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment to which he belonged, shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

“Resolved,—That in all cases wherein a Lodge or Encampment has refused to reinstate a member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, he shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge or Encampment shall, upon proper application, grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

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